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**1962/10/30**



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-2- 1547, OCTOBER 30, 6 PM FROM NEW YORK

HE SEEMED TO BE ESPECIALLY EAGER TO DISCUSS DISARMAMENT AND OTHER BASES AND TO EXPLORE ANY OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR TALKS ON BROADER BASIS. HE PLANS TO STAY HERE AS LONG AS HE CAN DO ANYTHING, SEE PEOPLE, AND TALK USEFULLY ABOUT OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS. HE ASKED WHY HE AND I SHOULD NOT DISCUSS THE WHOLE RANGE OF PROBLEMS AND ADDED THAT AS PEOPLES WE GET ALONG VERY MUCH BETTER THAN ON OFFICIAL LEVEL, AND THAT JUST NOW RELATIONS WERE BADLY STRAINED.

ON DISARMAMENT, HE INTERROGATED ME CLOSELY IN REPLY TO SUGGESTION ABOUT SOME BILATERAL TALKS ON TESTING HERE IN NEW YORK. HE FEELS OUR POSITIONS ARE NOW SO CLOSE THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT. IN RESPONSE TO MY SUGGESTION THAT AGREEMENT ON ABOVE-GROUND TESTING COULD NOW BE REACHED QUICKLY, HE PRESSED ME ON WHY WE INSISTED ON UNDERGROUND INSPECTION AND WHY WE SEEMED TO WANT TO MAKE MORE UNDERGROUND TESTS WHEN WE HAD MADE FOR MORE TESTS THAN THEY, TO OUR GREAT ADVANTAGE. MOREOVER, HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT OUR SCIENTISTS COULD REALLY DETECT AND IDENTIFY EVERYTHING. AFTER THE USUAL EXPLANATIONS THAT ALL UNDERGROUND TESTS COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED AND THAT THERE WERE MEANS TO PREVENT ANY REAL DANGER OF ESPIONAGE, HE WAS NONCOMMITTAL AND PROPOSED A TOAST TO DISARMAMENT AND THAT WE SHOULD TALK SOME MORE.

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HE ADVERTED SEVERAL TIMES TO REMOVAL OF OUR BASES WHICH THREATEN THE SOVIET UNION AS THEY HAD REMOVED THEIR BASE IN CUBA WHICH THREATENED THE US.

MTG WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL, AND WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT PREVIOUS MTGS AND MY WRITINGS ON THE SOVIET UNION WITH WHICH HE WAS FAMILIAR. HE DISCUSSED WITH GREAT CANDOR THE AGRICULTURAL PROBLEM AND THE SLOW DEVELOPMENT OF THE VIRGIN LANDS PROJECT, WHERE THEY ARE CONSOLIDATING AND MECHANIZING AND NOT INCREASING ACREAGE. HE BROUGHT ME FRIENDLY MESSAGES FROM KHRUSHCHEV AND MIKOYAN.

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-3- 1547, OCTOBER 30, 6 PM FROM NEW YPRK

[ ARTHUR DEAN IS SEEING HIM THIS AFTERNOON WITH REGARD TO THE  
DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATION. ]

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